

Lawn Mower Safety

- Do not smoke while on the job and never work under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



- Wear appropriate PPE.



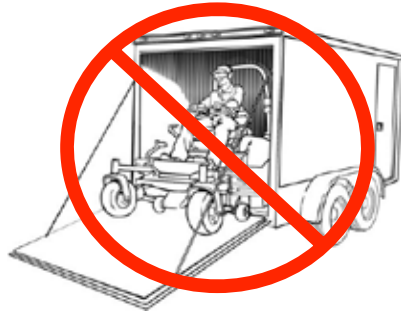
- Review the operator's manual before using the mower.



- Fuel and start mowers on level ground. Use your arm, not your back, to pull the starter cord. When fueling or refueling equipment, never smoke, let equipment cool down before refueling, remove the fuel cap slowly and never over-fill the tank.



If using a trailer, always haul riding mowers with the exhaust system facing out, to avoid smoke inside the trailer.



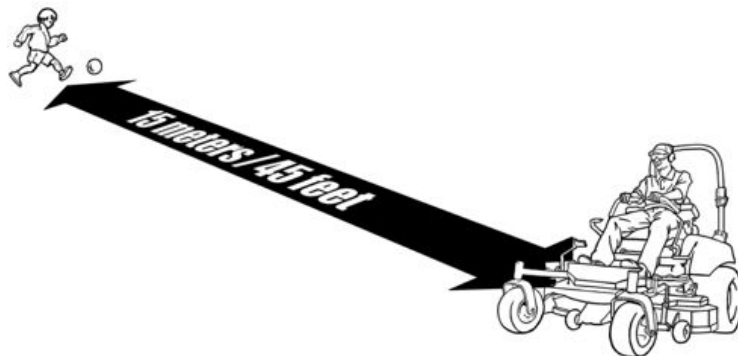
Do not operate lawn mowers if there are strong winds, thunderstorms or fog in the area.



Pickup objects such as stones, bottles, pinecones and sticks, which can be thrown by the mower.



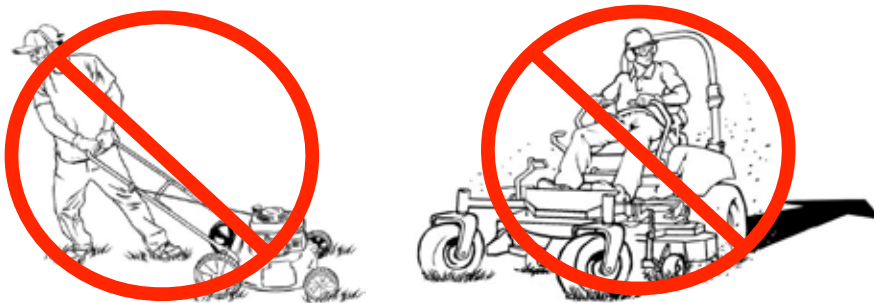
Maintain a safe working distance of at least 45 ft. (15 m.) from people, animals, or property (this includes vehicles driving on roads).



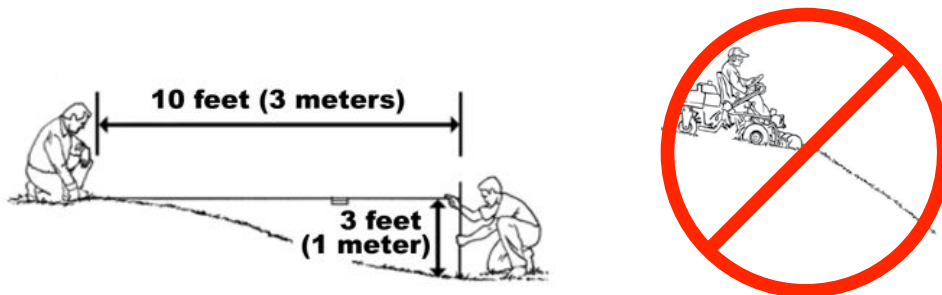
- Keep your hands and feet away from the blades and the discharge chute of mowers.



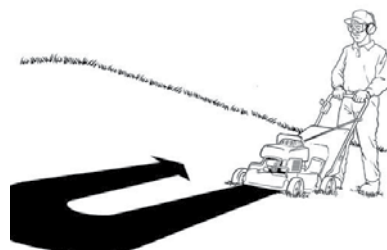
- Do not pull a push mower backward or operate riding mowers in reverse.



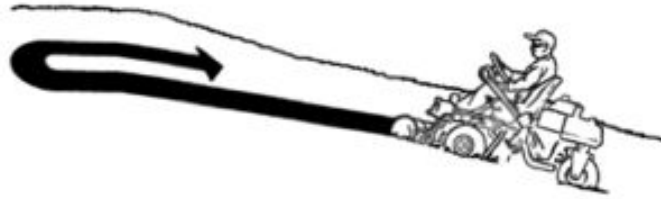
- Never use a riding mower on slopes greater than 15°degrees or 27% slope. This is the almost the same as a drop of 3 ft. (1 m.) over a distance of 10 ft. (3 m.).



- When mowing a slope with a push mower, start at the bottom of the hill and mow across the hill, from the bottom up to the top.



When mowing a slope with a riding mower, mow up and down the slope. Turn around on level ground at the top or bottom of the hill.



Turn off the motor and disconnect the spark plug wire before changing blades or doing any types of repairs or services.



